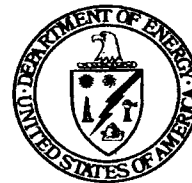




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### RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your June 8, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for: SAND90-1605 which is described as in part providing "The characteristics of the explosive and pyrotechnic devices used in the B53-1" and as "available at the Pantex facility" on page 28 of the 1994 memo and document recommending acceptance of the B53 Nuclear Explosive Safety Study Report.

We received your request in our office on June 10, 2019. It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration, in accordance with Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. Your request is out for a search for responsive records. A number of requests received prior to yours are pending, and your request will be processed in turn. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. Please note that for fee purposes, "unusual circumstances" as defined in the Open Government Act of 2007 occur, as there is a need to search for or collect records from facilities geographically separated from this office. In your request you agreed to pay up to \$30 for the processing of this request. We estimate that we will not be able to provide responsive records in 20 working days, as we need more time to complete the search, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the response to you, as some requests, depending on the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter, require additional time to complete. If you have questions concerning the processing of this request, please contact me by e-mail at [Roberto.Marquez@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:Roberto.Marquez@nnsa.doe.gov), or write to the address above. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00238-R.

Sincerely,

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